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### FRANKLY SPEAKING!

Hi all, hope to see you all at the meeting Wednesday.

We'll have a video, there's a few options. This weekend is Pacificon, and some members will be down there. Check online for details. The first weekend of Oct was the Cal QSO Party. This is a fun contest where we are the DX.

Hope to see you all Weds at the meeting. Until then keep your amps tuned and aerials resonant.

-73, Frank KG6N

### **NEXT MEETING**

Wed, October 21, 2015, 7:30pm Topic: History of VOMARC City of Sonoma EOC

### MINUTES SEPTEMBER 16

Members attending:

Jim, K6UUW, Dick, KF6FZM, Frank, KG6N, Eileen, KG6QNT, Scott, KJ6QIQ, Carl, KK6TVN, Moe, KI6JNU,San, N7PIB, Alan, K6KLL, Ed, W1EJ, Darrel, WD6BOR, Stan, NJ6E.

### **VP report**:

Two hats remaining, one for Steve Mosconi

### **Treasurer report:**

\$4,251.16 in bank \$245.00 hat sales \$20.00 donation from Andrew.

### ACS Moe:

Exercise Urban Shield went well. Our EOC was the first on the air.

Exercise was lacking in message handling. Future exercises will address this.

Exercise terminated on 1130.

### Website:

No problems reported

### **Training:**

Jim will be mentoring Oscar O'Donnell for his senior project Oscar plans on getting his ham license and then do a construction project.

Plans were finalized for the trip to the Lincoln Hamfest

### **Program:**

A video on the latest T32 DXpedition was shown.

—Respectfully submitted by Jim K6UUW

## Now, "Clarity on Parity" -- the Video!

In August, the ARRL acted to address objections and concerns being raised by representatives of community and neighborhood associations regarding the Amateur Radio Parity Act of 2015 - H.R. 1301 and S. 1685. "Clarity on Amateur Radio Parity" made it clear that the bill would not create new federal policy with respect to outdoor amateur antennas, nor would it require homeowners associations to approve huge radio towers.

Now, a <u>new video</u> -- "The Amateur Radio Parity Act of 2015 -- Separating Fact from Fiction" -- doubles down on the arguments contained in the League's August statement. ARRL President Kay Craigie, N3KN, said the video will be made available on Capitol Hill to make sure that Members of Congress have correct information, instead of misrepresentations. (From ARRL newsletter)

(From ARRL newsletter)

-Submitted by Jim K6UUW

## New ARRL Handbook, Antenna Book Editions Now Shipping

The 2016 edition of *The ARRL Handbook* and 23rd edition of *The ARRL Antenna Book* are <u>now shipping</u>. While supplies last, you can get the hardcover editions at the softcover price. If there's ever a time to complete your Amateur Radio bookshelf, this is the year. Filled with everything you need to stay immersed in the radio art, this dynamic duo is a must-have for hobbyists and technical professionals.

—Submitted by Jim K6UUW

# Amateur Radio Parity Act of 2015 Hits 100 Proponents in the US House

The Amateur Radio Parity Act of 2015 -- H.R. 1301 and S. 1685 -- now has the support of 100 members of the US House of Representatives. Two additional cosponsors signed onto H.R. 1301 on September 24, raising the number of cosponsors to 99. Those members plus the House bill's sponsor, US Rep Adam Kinzinger (R-IL), total 100 proponents, and the number is expected to continue growing.

One of the newcomers agreeing to cosponsor H.R. 1301 was the congressman who represents the Connecticut House district that includes ARRL Headquarters -- Rep John Larson (D-CT). The other new cosponsor was Rep Kristi L. Noem (R-SD) (from ARRL newsletter)

—Submitted by Jim K6UUW

### THE VOMARC WIRELESS

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"Receipt of the Wireless is one of the most sought after benefits of membership in VOMARC."—S. Marler

**CLUB MEETINGS** are held on the third Wednesday of each month at the City of Sonoma Police Department EOC 175 1<sup>st</sup> St West. Meetings start at 19:30 local (7:30 P.M.).

WEB PAGE: http://www.vomarc.org/

**Nets** are held every Wednesday night at 19:30 (7:30 P.M.) local, except meeting nights on the 145.350 repeater, -600 kHz, PL 88.5 Hz.

**ACS** holds a net each Monday evening at 19:30 local on the 146.205, +600, PL 88.5 Hz repeater.

**PACKET STATION INFO:** The VOMARC packet station is off the air until further notice.

**CLUB BREAKFASTS** are held on the first Saturday of each month at Palms Grill (formerly Issa's) Restaurant, 18999 Sonoma Highway, Sonoma. The fun starts at 09:30 local.

Comments and submissions of material may be sent to:

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### 2015 ACS Net Control Assignments

	Name	Call	
JANUARY	MOE	KI6JNU	
FEBRUARY	SCOTT	KJ6QIQ	
MARCH	SCOTT	KJ6QIQ	
APRIL	JIM	K6UUW	
MAY	DICK	KF6FZM	
JUNE	MOE	KI6JNU	
JULY	KEN	N6KN	
AUGUST	GILL	KJ6EIG	
SEPTEMBER	SAM	W5LTP	
OCTOBER	DICK	FK6FZM	
NOVEMBER	MIKE	WB6TMH	
DECEMBER	DARREL	WD6BOR	

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# THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE THE OCTOBER 21, 7:30PM AT THE CITY OF SONOMA EOC, 175 1<sup>ST</sup> ST WEST, SONOMA

### SEE YOU THERE.

### **VOMARC MEMBERSHIP**

**VOMARC 2015** Membership Dues: \$15/year individual; \$5/year family member at same address.

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